

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

Output properties of a fuel cell can be improved by using a single cell structure 1393 having an anode 102 and an oxidizing agent electrode 108 in both sides of a solid electrolyte membrane 114 and an evaporation inhibiting layer 1390 covering the surface of the cathode 108 which is not in contact with the solid electrolyte membrane 114.

Please amend page 11, lines 3-4 of the present specification as follows:

In a fuel cell having the single cell structure 1390, the whole surface of the evaporation inhibiting layer 1393 may be exposed, or alternatively, there may be a supplying path for the oxidizing agent 126 such that the evaporation inhibiting layer 1390 is exposed.

Please amend page 14, lines 16-19 of the present specification as follows:

A porosity of the evaporation inhibiting layer 1390 may be determined by, for example, measuring a rate of the venting pores in the cross-section of the evaporation inhibiting layer by SEM observation.

Please amend page 15, line 9 of the present specification as follows:

It may ensure retention of water by the evaporation inhibiting layer 1390.

Please amend page 15, lines 12-14 of the present specification as follows:

A numerical aperture in the evaporation inhibiting layer (punching plate) 1390 may be for example 90 % or less, preferably 70 % or less. It may ensure retention of water by the evaporation inhibiting layer 1390.